

Massachusetts, a Democrat, said that their State-run health care plan is bankrupting their State. And my colleagues over here, who are on the precipice of committing political suicide, want to do it nationally and spend trillions of dollars that we don't have.

So I would just like to say to those who haven't made up their mind, take a good look at Massachusetts. They are going bankrupt because of what you want to do.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, the Democratic health care plan that will be forced upon the American people this weekend is, in reality, a jobs bill, a really bad jobs bill. What is the evidence that this is true?

This bill will result in the firing of 30,000 individuals from jobs who currently work in the private student loan industry. This bill will bankrupt rural and underserved urban hospitals, eliminating both jobs and access to quality care.

So where are the jobs, Mr. Speaker? This bill will create jobs. This includes 16,000 jobs at the IRS to service the health care police to determine if your health care plan meets the health care czar's demands.

This bill has already created a job for Senator SCOTT BROWN, and I am confident, if this bill is forced on the American people, a surprising number of jobs will be created for new Republican Members of Congress in November.

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION I STATE CHAMPION HOCKEY TEAM

(Mr. McCOTTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the Division I State champion hockey team from my alma mater, Detroit Catholic Central High School.

On March 13, 2010, the Shamrocks bested Howell 6-1 to cap off a nearly perfect 27-1-1 season and to repeat as State champions. This victory marked the 14th State hockey title for Catholic Central and a record fifth Division I State title for the 2009-2010 athletic season. The hard work and dedication of Coach Todd Johnson's team epitomizes what it means to be a Shamrock.

Mr. Speaker, the Shamrock hockey team deserves recognition for their determination, achievement, and spirit, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating them for bringing home another title and honoring their devotion to Mary Alma Mater, our community, and our country. "Live and Die for CC High."

HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. MORAN of Kansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. The majority of Americans oppose the Senate's health care reform bill. Consider the stunning electoral upset in Massachusetts following the passage of this bill in the Senate, a bill that was pieced together through vote peddling and backroom deals. Yet, now Speaker PELOSI is trying to avoid a direct up-or-down vote on this bill in a plan to push it through this Congress. It is outrageous. If Democrats want to force this bill on the American people, they should show their support with a direct vote as our Constitution requires.

To prevent this affront, I am a sponsor of H.R. 1188 that would ensure that direct vote and prevent Speaker PELOSI from using this parliamentary trick to force the bill through the House.

For weeks, President Obama, when he was concerned with getting 60 votes in the Senate, demanded an up-or-down vote. House Democrats should honor this request now that the problem is getting House Democrats to vote for the bill. Americans need to see who supports this legislation, including the Cornhusker kickback, the Louisiana purchase, and other embarrassing deals included in the legislation.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Breaking news; all America needs to listen: Health insurers break profit records as 2.7 million Americans lose their coverage.

On Sunday, we will have an opportunity to correct this abominable announcement and, as well, to save the lives of 45,000 Americans who, in fact, die every year because they do not have insurance.

Breaking news: Insurance companies with large profits; my friends on the other side of the aisle, celebrating and voting against the American people.

The Congressional Budget Office shows that the health care bill we will vote on on Sunday will provide coverage for 32 million uninsured Americans, cut the deficit by \$130 million, cut the deficit by \$2 trillion in the second year—second decade, and eliminate the Medicare doughnut hole as well extends the sovereignty of Medicare for many years.

Breaking news: We are standing alongside of the American people, saving the lives of 45,000 who die every year. And the other side? Standing with the insurance companies.

LEADERSHIP IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY

(Mr. CAO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to an important issue that, if left uncorrected, will affect the lives of many Louisianans. The issue is Louisiana's Federal Medical Assistance Percentage, or FMAP.

FMAP is the percentage by which the Federal Government reimburses a State for Medicaid expenses and is calculated using per capita income. In Louisiana, we face a massive drop in our FMAP because relief and recovery dollars that flowed into the State after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita artificially inflated our per capita income.

Senator MARY LANDRIEU was successful in including a provision in the Senate health care bill similar to H.R. 4047, which I introduced last year, to address the FMAP situation in Louisiana. Some have disparagingly referred to her provision as the Louisiana purchase. This is unfortunate, because Senator MARY LANDRIEU is doing what is right for Louisiana and other States similarly situated. I may have some serious concerns about provisions of the Senate health care bill, but this is not one of them.

I applaud the Senator and her persistence and President Obama for his support of this provision because it is necessary for the State, for the gulf region, and for other States that may face FMAP predicaments like Louisiana.

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STANDING FOR AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE

(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, we have heard that by standing in the way of this fictitious health care, so-called reform bill, we're killing people. Here's a chart that tells you who dies. If you have prostate cancer, you want to be in the United States under our system right now. You've got a 91 percent chance of survival. If you're in England, 51 percent chance of survival. You want to talk about killing people? This will kill people—not because you're denied coverage, but because you're put on a list and you die waiting for protection.

I'm not standing with the insurance companies. We have insurance companies that are endorsing this bill. They're standing with the Democrats. Big pharmaceutical companies are standing with the Democrats. Who's standing with who? We're standing with the people that want health care that's affordable, that they control. We want the government and insurance companies both out from between patients and doctors.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BRIGHT). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and